GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:260
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2008
SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instances of smuggling of various items including weapons,drugs,tobacco products are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so,the details of the cases reported along with quantum of items seized during each of the last three years and the current year,State-wise;

(c) whether the involvement of foreign nationals working as drug syndicate along with the Indian citizens in the smuggling have been reported;

(d) if so,the details thereof along with the number of persons arrested including foreigners in the said period;

(e) whether the smuggling of illegal weapons have increased the cases of illegal possession of arms in the country;

(f) if so,the reaction of the Government thereto and the details of the cases reported during the said period,State-wise; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to check cases of such smuggling?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISAWAL)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.260 FOR 16.12.2008 REGARDING "SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL WEAPONS"

(a): No,Sir.Available information,reports received and seizures made do not indicate increase in smuggling of drugs and weapons.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Yes,Sir.

(d): Details of Indian citizens and foreign nationals arrested under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 are as under :-

	2005	2006	2007	2008(upto November)(Provisional)
No. of Indian national arrested	19573	20456	22086	14626
No. of foreign national arrested	173	232	181	148

(e): No,Sir.

(f): Does not arise.

(g): Steps taken/being taken by the Government to check smuggling include,effective surveillance of borders by carrying out round the clock patrolling, erection of fencing along the Western and Eastern International Borders,flood lighting of the border to enhance the observation during night,construction of border roads to facilitate border patrolling and interception,introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments to detect crossing at night and during bad weather, upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with

sister agencies under the umbrella of lead intelligence agencies,meetings held at functional and directional level,intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes,conduct of training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking,financial assistance to eligible States for strengthening their narcotic units.